(c) whether Government propose to make foolproof arrangements for the safety of pilots engaged on this system as well as aircrafts and if not, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 21 pilots of Air India and 39 pilots of Indian Airlines have so far been trained and approved by the Diectorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) for operating flights under Cat-Ill B conditions.

(c) DGCA has prescribed qualification/experience and trained and approved by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) for operating flights under Cat-Ill B conditions.

DGCA has prescribed qualification/experience and training for pilots operating domestic airlines to undergo training for Cat-ll/lll A and B operations. Only DGCA approved pilots are authorised to operate under Cat-Ill conditions during fog. Pilots operating foreign airlines who are trained for Cat-IIIB operations by their State, can also operate flights under Cat-Ill B conditions during fog.

Development of non-metro airports by AAI

2907. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that IDFC and HUDCO have agreed to lend Rs. 5000 croes to facilitate the development of non-metro airports by AAI;

(b) whether it is also a fact that AAI propose to issue tax free airport bonds to finance is infrastructure development and also to meet the expenses for the development of non-metro airports;

(c) whether the Ministry have any action plan to implement the above projects; and

(d) whether any time-frame has been fixed by which both development of non-metro airports and the infrastructure development could be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. However, Airports Authority of India (AAI) has chalked out plans to develop city side of thirty five non-metro airports and approach the market for borrowing a sum of Rs. 4000-Rs. 5000 crores in one or more tranches on next four to five years.

(c) An action plan has been formulated to modernise 35 tentatively selected non-metro airports in phase-wise development

(d) These 35 airports are expected to be modernised by the year 2010.

Upgradation of skills of SFIO

2908. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the time lag between detection and prosecution of serious frauds in corporate sector is abnormally long and exasperating;

(b) whether Government feels that the skills of the Serious Fraud Investigative set-up is to be upgraded and equipped to handle prosecution assignments at judicial and court level; and

(c) whether Government would consider a commanding role for SFIO for probing corporate crimes which is presently handled by a myriad of agencies like Income Tax Department Customs, Narcotics Bureau, EOW, CBI and IB etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The SFIO would probe cases of alleged fraud in co-ordination with other agencies such as Income Tax Department, Customs, Narcotics Bureau, EOW, CBI and IB etc.

Delay in prosecution of the cases

2909. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the time lag between detection and